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PROPAGATION OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE HINDI
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for propagation of official language Hindi in the Ministry of Planning;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether propagation of official language Hindi is the responsibility of the Government; and

(d) if so, the amount spent on this head during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b): Yes, sir. In addition to the incentive schemes proposed by the Department of Official Language (Ministry of Home Affairs), the Ministry of Planning also has its own scheme entitled `Kautilya Award Scheme` to promote original writing of books in Hindi. Under this scheme, three awards are given to eligible authors of books on the basis of entries received. The amount of awards is Rs. 18,000/-, Rs.12,000/- and Rs. 8,000/-. These awards are given on the recommendations of the Evaluation Committee constituted for the purpose every year.

(c): Yes, sir.

(d): There is no separate Head of Account for propagation of Official Language Hindi.However, under the heads `Other Charges` etc., the amount spent for propagation of Official Language Hindi during the last 3 financial years is Rs. 5,79,440/-.